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12 January 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,
Colonel White, General Truscott, Mr. Helms, Mr.
Kirkpatrick, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

25X1 a. Discussed the agenda for the Senior Staff Meeting and noted his intention of mentioning the manpower task force composed of [REDACTED] and appointed to conduct a personnel survey of the Agency for the purpose of recommending where and how personnel can be reduced. He said the terms of reference for this task force had not been ironed out and would therefore go into more detail as to its activities at the Senior Staff Meeting in February. Mr. Amory suggested that possibly the DCI might wish to clear up who now has the responsibilities of Mr. Bissell's former position--SA/PD/DCI. Mr. Bissell commented he was not quite prepared to have this item raised and would prefer to handle it at the next monthly Staff Meeting. The Director approved and agreed that, in the meantime, correspondence pertaining to Mr. Bissell's former activities would continue to be sent to him in his new position as DD/P.

b. Noted he had talked with Under Secretary of State Herter yesterday about Cuba and had also discussed the situation with Jim Angleton. He said he had been advised by Angleton that the FBI had sent us (as far as can be determined) all reports on Cuban activities in this country and that only a trickle had been made available to OCI. Mr. Sheldon pointed out that, in all probability, if all of these reports had been made available, OCI would have been in a better position to note the trend of the Castro group activities in the U. S., and thereby more accurately forecasted the strength of the Castro movement. Mr. Helms stated that he had already looked into this problem of internal dissemination of FBI reports and steps have been taken which will prevent the reoccurrence.

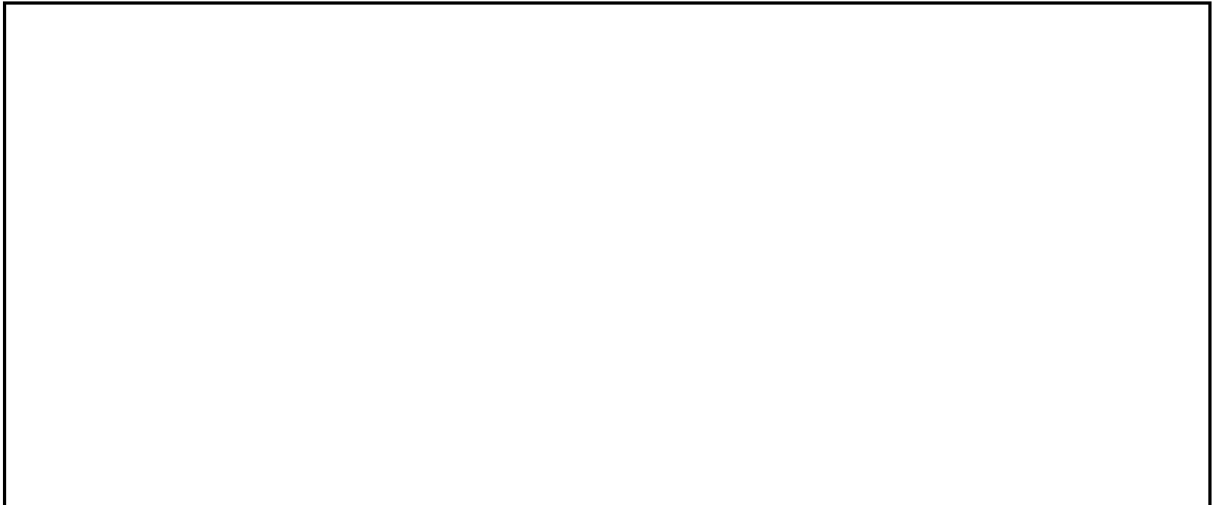
The Director also commented that Secretary Herter felt that our latest estimate on Cuba was more optimistic than the previous one. It was agreed that this interpretation was not correct and Mr. Amory undertook to discuss this matter with Hugh Cumming.

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory (part of meeting),
General Truscott, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,
[redacted] Dr. Kent (part of meeting), [redacted]

a. Noted that now we are beginning the new year, possibly those present might have suggestions as to the conduct of future Deputies' Meetings, i. e., are they helpful, too many, too few, subject matters discussed, etc. It was agreed that any suggestions would be submitted at the next meeting.

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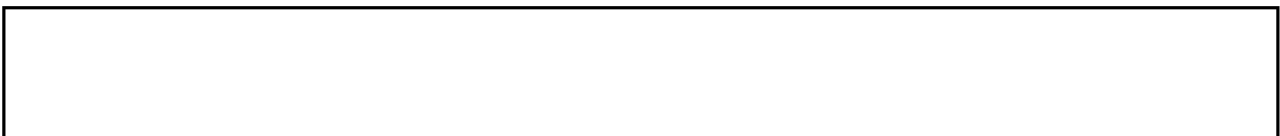
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c. Noted he had read an account in today's New York Times of a trip made by a man across Africa in a boat. He commented this individual might have some interesting information and stated we should get in touch with him. Action: DD/I.

d. Referred to General Truscott's proposed memorandum to the USIB on the Intelligence Requirements Committee for ARPA and, after some discussion, it was approved, with certain changes. The Director asked that a copy of the final draft be sent to him in order that it might be forwarded to Dr. Killian.



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any recommendations they might have at the next Deputies' Meeting.

f. Noted that during his recent trip to Florida, he had read an excellent book, "#13 BOB." He said this publication contained a good deal of technical information of interest to the Agency and asked DD/I to obtain a copy for him.

g. Noted Under Secretary of State Herter had advised that during Mikoyan's visit to the U. S., every opportunity should be taken to impress upon him the fact that the U. S. did not intend to back down on Berlin. The Director commented that he had passed this along to Bob Lovett and Elliott Bell last night at the meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations.

h. Asked Mr. Sheldon to prepare a memorandum setting forth comments the Soviets had made about Molotov since his fall from power.

MR. AMORY:

Referred to a memorandum prepared by the DD/S on the NIS Program, in which Colonel White recommended that a special group be appointed to make recommendations for a reduction not later than 15 February and commented that before any such action is taken, he felt the intelligence community should be advised. The Director said this particular program had come up in a recent conversation he had with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and it was his recollection that he (DCI) had agreed to study the curtailment of the NIS. The Director said therefore before any final action was taken on Colonel White's memorandum, it would be appropriate for DD/I to discuss this matter with DD/S. Action: DD/I.

DR. KENT:



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be a good idea for Dr. Kent to discuss this matter with Hugh Cumming in State and bring this matter up again at a future Deputies' Meeting.

GENERAL TRUSCOTT:

Reported on his conversation with General Hull yesterday and noted that Hull desired a briefing on CIA PP activities in the Far East sometime next week and prior to his departure for a visit to that area. Action: IG.

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